

I am appalled that Sinclair Broadcasting is using the free airwaves to promote their clearly partisan views. I oppose them airing a biased program called "Stolen Honor" about Kerry right before the elections. It is clear to the public that they are trying to sway voters for Bush. This program is disguised as journalism, but obviously isn't. I urge the FCC to stop Sinclair Broadcasting from voicing their biased non-news opinions. This is not in the interest of public airwaves. It is only in the interest of Sinclair who have contributed much money to the Bush campaign.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.